

Restoration Work of Vigyan Bhawan

113. SHRI HARIKISHORE SINGH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the restoration work of Vigyan Bhawan estimated to cost Rs. 10 crore has been given to a Bombay based consultancy group without any design competition required under the normal convention for awarding the work; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b). Design competition is appropriate for new construction. As the present is only for restoration of the Vigyan Bhawan, Design competition was not held. However, open competitive offers were called and the work was awarded after deliberation and careful scrutiny by a Committee.

Alleged Construction of a Building

114. SHRI HARIKISHORE SINGH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the report appearing in the Indian Express dated 26 September, 1991 regarding construction of building worth crores of rupees allegedly with the involvement of Architecture Department of NDMC;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(c) the efforts made by the Government to ascertain the number of such unauthorised building constructed during the last two years and the action proposed to be taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM):

(a) and (b). The NDMC has intimated that this is not the case of a new unauthorisedly constructed building but that of unauthorised construction carried out in the form of addition/alteration. The unauthorised construction was detected by the NDMC at the initial stage and the question of involvement of its Architectural Department is under investigation by the NDMC. Legal and departmental action is under process.

(c) There is an unauthorised Construction Cell in the NDMC and its main duty is to survey the area under its jurisdiction to detect unauthorised construction and initiate legal action against the defaulters under the provisions of Punjab Municipal Act. The NDMC has intimated that during the last two years 414 cases of unauthorised construction in the form of addition/alteration in the existing buildings or in the form of deviations from the sanctioned plans have been detected by the NDMC and action taken under the Punjab Municipal Act.

Awarding of Contracts without Tenders

115. SHRI HARI KISHORE SINGH:
SHRI RAJNATH SONKAR
SHASTRI:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there have been cases where the Engineering Department of the Delhi Development Authority had awarded contracts without inviting tenders during the last two years;

(b) if so, the number of such contracts awarded; the amount involved in each contract the parties to whom the contracts were awarded and the reasons for awarding these

contracts without inviting tenders; and

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(c) the result of the inquiry if any, conducted into such malpractices?

Assistance to Fruit and Vegetable Industries of Surat and Vadodra

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

117. SHRI KASHIRAM RANA: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

Shortage of Medicines in Super Bazar

116. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to State:

(a) whether the Government are providing any assistance to fruit and vegetable industries of surat and Vadodra in Gujarat;

(a) whether there is an acute shortage of medicines etc. in Super Bazar branch located in Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia hospital and even general medicines are not available there; and

(b) if so, the details of the assistance provided during each of the last three years; and

(b) if so, whether any complaint has been received in this regard and if so, the action taken thereon?

(c) the number of fruit and vegetable industries schemes of Surat and Vadodra which are pending with the Government for approval?

• THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUD-DIN AHMED): (a) Super Bazar has informed that there is no acute shortage of medicines in Super Bazar located in Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital. Super Bazar has further reported that as per claim of the Industry in-put costs have gone up due to devaluation and inflationary pressures and price revisions were under consideration which affected general availability of some of the medicines. The situation is reported to have eased to some extent and most of the medicines are available, though in short supply.

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRIGIRIDHARGOMANGO): (a) to (c) No specific proposal pertaining to Surat and Vadodra in Gujarat State have been received by the Government. However, some proposal were received from the Agro Industries Corporation of Gujarat seeking financial assistance under the fruit and vegetable processing sector. The endorsement of the Gujarat State Government for these proposals has not been received.

Scheme of Gujarat Pending for Clearance

118. SHRI KASHIRAM RANA: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(b) Super Bazar has not received any complaint from their branch at Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital on account of acute shortage of medicines.

(a) whether the Government of Gujarat has sent some development schemes to the Planning Commission for clearance;

(b) if also, the name and location of these schemes; and